(b) if so, what is Government reaction thereto;

(c) whether the system is likely to be extended;

(d) if so, by when and for what period; and

(e) whether Government would consider a National Drug Policy to cover all aspects of drug industry?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) As part of the "Measures for rationalisation quality control and growth for Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India", Loan Licensing system was to be discontinued in a phased manner before the end of the VII Five Year Plan. The matter is under active consideration of the Government and decision is likely to be announced soon.

(e) The Drug Policies announced from time to time cover all aspects of the drug industry.

Delay in Delivery of Vehicles by Manufacturers

721. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that automobile manufacturers, after collecting the full value of the vehicles, abnormally delay its delivery ;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to protect the interests of the general public from such exploitation ;

(c) whether interest is being paid by the car manufacturers on amounts so collected ; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to issue proper guidelines in that behalf?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) There has been no decline in the production of passenger cars during the current year. However, on account of a spurt of demand for passenger cars witnessed during the last one or two months, it is possible that there may be some delay in delivery of some preferred models of cars.

(b) to (d) Government do not exercise any statutory control over sale/distribution of vehicles. The booking, delivery and payment terms etc. are matters of contractual nature between the customers and the company.

Non-receipt of Electricity Bills in Aram Bagh colony, New Delhi

722. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that electricity bills are not sent in time by DESU to the consumers residing in Aram Bagh Colony, New Delhi ;

(b) if so, since when the bills have not been sent and what are the reasons for the delay ;

(c) what is the number of such cases ; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against the officials responsible for such delays?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) to (c) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU), the billing cycle is normally adhered to subject to procedural/administrative constraints. Based on the mater reading upto January, 1990, bills have since been issued in respect of 85 new connec-